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The note said: We appeal to the UN secretary general, and through him, to all the humanitarian and juristic bodies, to the world press, and to the international public, in order to:

1. Denounce this massacre and consider it a crime against humanity.
2. Request that an international investigation committee be sent to determine responsibility for the massacre and for all the Israeli violations of human rights and all violations of the international law governing occupied territories.
3. Organize protest activities and actions of solidarity with the Lebanese people and the victims of the Israeli acts of aggression.
4. Demand that all kidnapped persons be released immediately and that the wounded be handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross.
5. Distribute this note to all the states' delegates at the General Assembly.

'Intensive Military Presence' Reported in East Beirut  
NCD050825 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 0808 GMT  
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[Text] A military source has just reported that an intensive military presence is being spotted in the eastern part of the capital. Citizens are requested to take precautionary measures while moving in streets.

Fadallah Denies Being Leader of Hezbollah  
NCD050924 Beirut AL-NAHAR in Arabic 5 Oct 84 p 3

[Text] Scholar Muhammad Husayn Fadallah has warned that "transgressions can destroy the arena and also destroy the structure to which the transgressors resort."

In a statement he made yesterday, he said: "There is no organizational control in the arena for most of those present. I have stated more than once from a position of responsibility that I may have influence in the arena from a position of trust, which perhaps I don't deserve, but I have not worked on an organizational level or on any level commonly known as running a militia. I have my own stand and thinking which I convey to people without hiding anything, because I believe in frankness and in

telling the truth to all the people. Therefore, I state that I am not responsible for the behavior of any armed or unarmed group that operates in the arena. Whoever errs, I criticize his error even if he is one of ours, and whoever is correct, I appreciate his correctness even if he is a communist."

Answering a question, he affirmed: "For the unprecise time, I say — not to evade responsibility — that I am not an organizational leader of Hezbollah or of any other party, but this does not mean I don't respect its ideological line. From my knowledge of the arena, I know that many of the things attributed to this group [Hezbollah] are not true. I ask the God-fearing people to ascertain every report they hear (...) [as published] and this does not mean that I acquit this group of excesses and mistakes."

"I am working with all my humble efforts on all levels to put an end to these excesses which are attributed to this or any other group. I do this out of a sense of legal responsibility which prevents a believer, especially a responsible one, from avoiding confronting the mistakes which might burn the entire arena."

Israelis Reportedly Withdrawing From Sidon  
NCD01307 Beirut Domestic Service in English 1405 GMT  
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[Text] Lebanese national resistance fighters this morning attacked an Israeli patrol on the Al-Zahrani-Nabatiyah highway. There were no casualty figures after the rocket-and-machine gun attack on the patrol, which took place near an important Israeli checkpoint.

A large explosion rocked the area east of Sidon early in the afternoon.

Eyewitnesses reported from Tyre that there were heavy movements of Israeli equipment and vehicles last night, as reports circulated in the south that Israeli occupation forces were vacating some of their advanced positions. Heavy tanks were moved during the night from Sidon toward the south.

Following an explosion in Marj Uyun late last night, occupation forces laid siege to the town of (Khim) for several hours.

Elements of the Lahd militia are imposing a tight control on the city of Al-Nabatiyah, ostensibly to check for arms.

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HUSSEIN FADALLAH 54X

1. (U) FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERVIEW WITH  
SHAYKH MUHAMMAD HUSSEIN FADALLAH IN OCTOBER 15 ISSUE  
OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEEKLY "MONDAY MORNING."

A. HIZBALLAH. "THE CLAIM THAT I AM THE LEADER OF  
HIZBALLAH IS BASELESS. I AM NOT THE LEADER OF ANY  
ORGANIZATION OR PARTY...IT COULD BE THAT MANY OF THOSE  
WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF HIZBALLAH LIVE WITH US  
IN THE MOSQUE, AND MIGHT HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ME."

"WHO IS THE LEADER OF HIZBALLAH? 'YOU CAN ASK ANY OF  
THE PARTY MEMBERS. IF I WERE THE LEADER I WOULD HAVE  
THE COURAGE TO SAY SO...HIZBALLAH IS A PARTY, JUST  
LIKE OTHER PARTIES IN LEBANON WHICH RESORT TO THE USE  
OF ARMS...AS FOR THE ACCUSATION THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED  
IN THE ATTACK ON THE (AMERICAN) EMBASSY, I CAN ONLY SAY  
THAT I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF THIS OPERATION."

B. ISLAMIC JIHAD. "ISLAMIC JIHAD IS A PURE TELEPHONE  
ORGANIZATION...I HAVE NEVER COME ACROSS ANYTHING CALLED  
THE ISLAMIC JIHAD IN ALL THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN  
LEBANON. FURTHERMORE, I HAVE NO TIES OR LINKS WITH THE  
ISLAMIC DA'AWA PARTY."

C. ROLE OF THE SHIA IN LEBANON. ALTHOUGH THE SHIA HAVE  
NO INTENTION OF IMPOSING "HEGEMONY" OVER OTHER GROUPS,  
THEY HAVE "GOTTEN INVOLVED IN THE MILITARY SITUATION..."  
AS A "RESPONSE TO THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION AND CONDITIONS  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST...IN LEBANON, THE SHIITES ARE IN A  
STATE OF CONFRONTATION WITH PERSECUTION AND DEPRIVATION.  
WE MUST ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT SHISM HAS BENEFITED FROM  
THE STATE OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS PREVAILLED IN LEBANON...  
ARISING FROM THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST  
CONFLICT."

D. THE PALESTINIANS. "...THE PALESTINIANS ARE IN A

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STATE OF VIOLENCE, AND THE ARAB AREA THAT HAS COME IN  
CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE IS ALSO IN  
A STATE OF VIOLENCE...IN THE BEGINNING, THE PALESTINIANS  
WERE IN THE RIGHT STATE, WHICH IS THE REASON WHY VARIOUS  
MEANS WERE USED TO SUBVERT THEM AND BREAK THEM: UNTIL  
THEY WERE TAMED AND HAVE BECOME PART OF THE "GAME"...THE  
PRESSURE EXERTED BY THE MEDIA AND OTHERS AGAINST THE  
SHIA IS PART OF AN ATTEMPT...TO TAME THE SHIA SO THAT THEY  
WILL BE "NICE" AND WILL "FALL IN LINE".

E. SHIA-SUNNI DIFFERENCES. "...WE HAVE NARROWED THE  
SHIITE-SUNNI RIFT. BOTH SUNNITES AND SHIITES HAVE  
STARTED TO THINK IN A UNITED WAY...IT IS TRUE THAT THE  
MAJORITY OF THE ARMED ELEMENTS IN WEST BEIRUT ARE  
SHIITE, AND THAT THERE IS NO REAL ARMED SUNNITE ARMED  
PRESENCE. WHEN PEOPLE WHO ARE UNARMED ARE FACED WITH  
ARMED PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN INFRACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS  
OF THE LAW OCCUR, THEY ARE EGARD TO FEEL INSECURE."

F. THE SOUTH. "RESISTANCE IN THE SOUTH IS NATIONALISTIC,  
AND MOSTLY ISLAMIC...AS SUCH, THE RESISTANCE IN LEBANON  
CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE A RELIGIOUS ACT, AS WELL AS  
BEING A MILITARY ACT AND AN ACT OF JIHAD...IT IS ONLY  
NATURAL THAT THE SHIITES WOULD BE THE COMBATANT GROUP IN  
THE RESISTANCE...I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY RESISTANCE FROM  
NON-MUSLIMS."

G. THE SAUDIS. THE ATTACK ON THE SAUDI EMBASSY WAS AN  
ACT OF "MISCHIEF." HOWEVER, SAUDI ARABIA HAS A NEGATIVE  
POSITION TOWARDS THE SHIITES OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING  
THOSE IN SAUDI ARABIA...IT IS FIGHTING SHISM AROUND THE  
WORLD, AND HAS ADDED THE POLITICAL DIMENSION TO ITS OTHER  
FORMS OF OPPOSITION TO SHIITES."

2. (C) COMMENT: FADALLAH'S DENIAL OF TIES WITH  
HIZBALLAH IS NOT NEW. HIS AVOIDANCE OF ANY CASTIGATION  
OF THE U.S. REFLECTS HIS USUAL TECHNIQUE IN PUBLIC  
INTERVIEWS OF APPEARING AS THE ADVOCATE OF CHRISTIAN/  
WESTERN-MUSLIM MUTUAL TOLERANCE. WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT  
IN THIS INTERVIEW ARE HIS FREQUENT VAGUE REFERENCES  
ON THE PALESTINIANS. IN ADDITION, HIS DENIAL OF  
RESISTANCE TO THE ISRAELIS IN THE SOUTH IN THE PRETEXT  
OF A MUSLIM, MAINLY SHIA, JIHAD WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO  
THE CHRISTIANS OF THE AREA. END COMMENT.

3. (U) FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED TO NEA/ARN, C/D STANTON

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